

Convention
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 Garton
 A. A. Phelps
 Has expels
 any age meet
 Gertie
 Chace
 George
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 G. Smith
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 at Garton
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Dear Wendell Anne - I have delayed writing to you this long
 because I knew that every opportunity for writing was em-
 brace by other ~~to these~~ ~~correspondence~~ ~~letters~~ ~~must~~ ~~interest~~ ~~you~~ ~~more~~
 and I have always the impression that I should be ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~way~~ ~~of~~ ~~depriving~~ ~~my~~ ~~letters~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~charm~~ ~~which~~ ~~the~~ ~~only~~ ~~letter~~ ~~possesses~~
 possesses - So I have waited for ~~the~~ ~~some~~ ~~occasion~~ - when
 my letter ~~could~~ ~~go~~ ~~alone~~ & be of course delightful - But
 now I am writing for my own pleasure rather than yours for
 I cannot deny myself the satisfaction of ~~at~~ ~~last~~ ~~for~~
 telling you not the news - not all the on bits of 25
 tho I will find some room for them, but how I ~~am~~
~~not~~ ~~say~~ grateful & rejoiced we are ~~at~~ ~~the~~ in
~~at~~ ~~each~~ in the events connected with the ~~London~~
 misnamed "World's Convention" - ~~I~~ ~~am~~ ~~not~~
~~say~~ I will speak only of my own anticipations &
 emotions - but I ~~was~~ ~~almost~~ was in a nervous
 expectation I can hardly describe as the time drew
 on to bring us news from the World's Convention
 You can understand better than I can tell you why
 I felt so anxious - In London I should have been tran-
 quil enough - for we is not moved by a moral
 conflict that one shares - ~~the~~ But I knew that
 you, our dearly beloved friends here to be called
 to a scene of ~~our~~ ~~own~~ ~~to~~ ~~act~~ ~~in~~ ~~momentous~~ ~~matters~~
 be on the world's stage & in the ~~our~~ presence
 of the world - & when I thought of Mrs. West

Caroline Weston
 Weston

& how you had been separated so long a time
from - matters germane to this I fear - Not
that you would not act ~~very~~ nobly & conscientiously
but lest in consequence of some want of knowledge
of the state of affairs at home - some (misplaced)
confidence - Some neglect on our part - you would
~~be~~ act unwisely - or take some course ^{which you} ~~to be regretted~~
too late - This was folly - experience has taught me
that no honest error could be of great moment - do
much harm - but I ~~have not~~ persist in my anxieties not
withstanding - When we became satisfied that
Garrison & others would not arrive in season I felt
more troubled still for I did not feel that the
Philadelphia friends - would ~~be~~ ~~use~~ ~~nothing~~ ~~you~~
add great strength to your doubts - You would
be obliged to confirm them - Not in principle
but they are apt to be in a joy about measures -
- I know them of my delight - When we got our
first news from England - ~~that~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~fact~~ ~~at~~
long hours one Sunday morning & evening that the
Steamboat mail had in & yet we could get
nothing till noon - then came ~~over~~ our papers
~~and~~ many friends had gathered at West Street
- I read to them the first proceedings of the
convention as far as they were contained in the
first numbers of the Anti Slavery Reporter -
(your letter had not come to hand & no other) - My heart
beat at such a rate that it was as much as I could

do to go on - & ~~that I suffered~~ I suffered as
you may suppose - in reading George Thompson's
speech - but I could bear it - bore it pretty well
I entertained a momentary fear that it was the
"beginning of the end" - that he so honoured &
beloved - in whose tract - courage - high prin-
ciple & goodness I have ~~placed~~ no longer
so confidently - has moving in the direction of the
fatal whirlpool ^{which} seems to spare ~~not~~ no one who
has ever yielded or abated to the force of its current -
in this I trust I was mistaken - he has ^{the force} ~~the force~~ ^{may} ~~may~~ ^{merely}
~~enough~~ to own which fears not to acknowledge an error
- He was perfectly aware of the position of things
with respect to the British India Society & of
the strong men of that side London Committee from
Thompson - & ~~rememberless~~ other things he knew
Scoble to be a villain when we saw him in Boston
& Maine even then did not hesitate to say so -
He played a double game which hurt - nothing
like the ~~side~~ ^{light} of Boston for revealing a Hypocrite
- & now it ~~occurs~~ ^{to me} a ~~passage~~ ^{passage} in one
of ~~your~~ ^{your} letters from ~~that~~ ^{that} occurs to me
- You ask why we do not approve the B-
In - Scheme - & ~~seem~~ ^{to} ~~in~~ ^{to} ~~few~~ ^{to} ~~disapprove~~
from ~~the~~ ^{our} ~~silence~~ on the subject -
Now the truth is ~~secure~~ ^{secure} ~~as~~ ^{as} you now know
that we have ~~resolved~~ ^{resolved} & ~~yes~~ ^{yes} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~free~~ ^{free} - on
an occasion our interest in that ~~more~~ ^{more} ~~new~~

we now never how it could have happened
that in no letter should we have declared
our views respecting it - & this shows how ineffi-
cient is all correspondence to make us aware of all
we could gladly know respecting friends far away
I could not but think - that even as you ~~immediately~~
~~stood~~ we had neglected to mention this matter
to some fact of great moment - might
have been omitted & your movements be
consequently made in a wrong direction
The first part we got returned all these years
long things was it seems to us at this distance
perfectly - I thank you dear friends a thousand
times for the notice I have made for the
truth - faithful among the faithless - I
trust I thank God who I thought and you
in that ~~must have been~~ ~~a season of~~
~~trial~~ ~~made it~~ & of ~~grace~~ & through whose
strength ~~the house~~ your hour of trial has not
one of ~~temptation~~ ~~about~~ faltered in or doubt -
We have ~~not~~ ~~as~~ ~~angelic~~ ~~of~~ ~~said~~ ~~to~~ ~~you~~
~~open~~ ~~they~~ ~~opened~~ ~~any~~ ~~way~~ ~~in~~ ~~a~~ ~~time~~
from you with doubt or fear - but we
should find any compromise or flinching
but we have rejoiced with joy un-
able as we have read them ^{of} ~~find~~ ~~that~~
You are unchanged by ^{and influences} ~~circumstances~~ ~~and~~
that your views of life, its ends, duties &
pleasures, ~~are~~ remain the same - that your
souls are not the yielding substance or
which - any worldly influence can fix its
stand - I wonder you said in ~~an~~ alluring
to some thing I think I in my last letter -
"you think too much of me - I shall disappoint
you all" - do not say this you ~~can not~~
~~disappoint us~~ ~~while~~ ~~we~~ ~~find~~ ~~again~~ - for
our warmest hopes of you have been more
than realized & you ~~will~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~firm~~ ~~love~~ ~~you~~

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Could you know the feelings of American
abolition is to for you - you would both be
imply repair for all the exertion & fatigue
that you have borne for the slave -

I will try to rec^{all} for you ~~to~~ as I
think it will on several accounts give you
pleasure - a passage in a letter of Lucretia
Mott's address'd to Charles Burleigh was
permitted to see the letter - I give it from
memory - & as I read it only once I may be ~~mis~~
misquoting language - but not the idea - She
says to Charles "Abba Kelly writes to a friend here
that in America they hear that Lucretia Mott
has sacrific'd principle on the Altar of peace -
She then goes on to explain her situation in London
& about the Conditional & unconditional creden-
tials - & admits that she did not present hers to
the convention - She adds I shall always love
Anne Phillips for her noble resolution to present
her credentials alone & for the earnestness with
which she strengthn'd her husband to stand
firm in that hour of trial - Tell Abby Kelly
that tho' I may not always do the ~~strongest~~
strongest thing myself - I honour most those who do -
Here is true nobleness - Lucretia Mott's
errors can do no harm for she is ~~true~~ ^{genuine}
Maynansious - There is no difference
of opinion here as to the course pursued
by all who act for us in London

The most unequalled approbation follows
your whole course - How fortunate that
you were enabled to be there - Your letter
to the Liberator has delighted far &
given the truest pleasure & many a country
abolitionist is to whom a shilling is
no trifling pleasure - That that paper alone
was worth the whole ^{yearly} subscription now that
we have ~~the~~ ^{had a treat} the contents of your letters
& when you say ^{living long upon} for one hour in West Street
how earnestly - and how sympathizing with you
it is hard to think that much how much
that would interest us so much - ~~And yet~~
we shall never have for long before we meet
the rushing waves of life will have swept ^{it} all
~~away to the sea~~ ^{by} & we shall be discuss-
ing the ~~last~~ ^{receptacles} of succeeding years - we
are living very fast - I cannot believe it
possible that the last three years ^{are} ~~are~~ ^{only}
~~but~~ ^{but} ~~it~~ ^{is} ~~no longer a time~~ - they seem to
me to extend to a life time - how little
does the world around us know what it
is to live - I heard the other day of
your friend Henry Bowditch at the
"Glorification Meeting" that welcomed
Garrison Home - he was delighted with
the meeting - I sent to one who told me of it
that he ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~an~~ ^{an} ~~abolitionist~~
early - he wished he had been at Garrison's side

Cherry Cherry Cherry Cherry

in the work - I hope he knows that the
 hero's life is all around him - Influence
 now he may step at any moment into a
 sublime - (a sublimity) of position than ~~the~~
 the one he envies - I feel as if they
~~Mr Bowditch's been in a dangerous position~~
~~for~~ All things go bravely here - The sub-
 stances to the "Structure" increase at
 the rate of 10 or twelve a day - Rogers goes
 to ^{to work} ~~to work~~ daily - I apprehend, that the
 first truly Anti Slavery influences ever
 felt in that city are now going out
 & I have no doubt that a few months even
 will show a little of the Boston spirit as yet.
 The new organization are it is thought by
 Skiffen & Serou - very few near their end
 as ~~new~~ ^{an} organization. I think tell you one fact
 & what will speak volumes to you as to the state
 of things in their camp - The "Acacia Steam
 Ship" in which Gums on & friends returned
 brought ^{the clergy} also - Colver & ~~Colver~~ - He knew
 that even ~~then~~ ~~the~~ ~~abolition~~ ~~was~~ ~~in~~
 the last dying speech of the Mass Ab has in
 type - This is entire news - all set
 up - Colver's arrival brought a gleam of
 hope to the service their dying courage
 they Cong were a meeting together in his name
 & contrived to get a repression - how
 long is not known - there is talk of the

At being united with the C. & G. Fair to both of
— At any rate we know the last number
was published by private subscription — you
know what and the materials the Treasury
is composed of & how much pecuniary help
is likely to be made — to sustain the paper
Phelps now exhibiting it — & his whole strength
is given to prove that the N. E. Clergy are
Abolitionists — his bitterness against it all
is incredible — I suppose that the Anti
Slavery Reporter was unfair enough respecting
the Worcester Convention — punches good things
left out — & as few "chairs" as knowledge
as possible — Phelps has used the report
for the Abolitionist in the best manner
— the least word of approbation is suppressed
and in quoting from your own letter he
the lib — he does not hesitate at any
where to leave out half a sentence —